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Interstate Commerce Commission and of the courts. The appendices contain a directory of territorial and technical traffic terms and abbreviations, and give in semi-tabular form the application of state classifications and the interterritorial application of intrastate classifications.

Routing Freight Shipments considers briefly the object and importance of routing shipments in such manner as to secure the most economical, expeditious, and satisfactory service. The importance of knowing the character and number of the transfer points through which a shipment will pass, as a guide in routing shipments to a destination, is probably the salient feature.

Reducing Freight Charges to a Minimum discusses the methods of packing goods in order to secure the safety of the article, the lowest classification, and a minimum of dead or tare weight (ch. 1); the description and classifying of freight in such manner as to take all proper advantage of the list of exceptions to the classification (ch. 2); weights and their relation to freight charges, (showing how the actual weight of the car used may be less or greater than the stenciled weight), what foreign matter may be contained in the car, the necessity of anticipating shipments in order to secure cars of the proper capacity, the necessity for making the proper allowance for dunnage and for preservatives shipped with perishable goods (ch. 3); and miscellaneous means of reducing freight charges (ch. 4).

Freight Claims is a discussion of the method to be pursued in securing the payment of claims against carriers which arise in connection with the handling of freight; cases of total loss of shipment; partial loss; damage to a shipment; overcharges; showing in each case (a) by whom the claim must be presented, (b) documents that must be filed in support of the claim, (c) certain guides to determine the amount of the claim.

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